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PART I-A

CENTRAL SECTION

**Orders and Notifications (Other than those published in Part IV-B)
under the Gujarat Local Boards, Village Panchayats, Municipal
Boroughs, District Municipal, Primary Education
and Local Fund Audit Acts.**

URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND URBAN HOUSING DEPARTMENT

ORDER

Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, 21st September, 2022

Gujarat Municipalities Act, 1963

No. KV 135 of 2022 NPL/452019/MLA-25/M:- WHEREAS, the Government of Gujarat under the Government Notification, Urban Development and Urban Housing Department No. KV 133 of 2022 NPL/452019/MLA-25/M, dated the 21st September, 2022, had declared the local areas of Nakhatrana group Village Panchayats (hereinafter referred to as “the dissolved Panchayats”) as the smaller urban area;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Gujarat under the Government Notification, Urban Development and Urban Housing Department No. KV 134 of 2022 NPL/452019/MLA-25/M, dated the 21st September, 2022 had constituted the Nakhatrana Municipality of Taluka: Nakhatrana, District: Kutch, with effect from 21st September, 2022 comprising of the said smaller urban area;

AND WHEREAS the assets, rights, and liabilities of the dissolved Panchayats are required to be transferred to the Nakhatrana Municipality (hereinafter referred to as “the said Municipality”);

NOW THEREFORE in exercise of the powers conferred by section 266B of the Gujarat Municipalities Act, 1963 (Guj. 34 of 1964) (hereinafter referred to as “the said Municipalities Act”), the Government of Gujarat, with effect on and from 21st September, 2022, (hereinafter referred to as “the said date”) hereby directs as under:-

1. The unexpended balance of the gram fund property including areas of rates, taxes and fees belonging to the dissolved panchayats, and all rights and powers, which prior to the said date, vested in the panchayats, shall subject to all the charges and liabilities affecting the same, vest in the said Municipality;
2. Any appointment, notification, notice, order, scheme, licence, permission, rule, bye-law or form made, issued or granted or deemed to have been made, issued, or granted under the Gujarat Panchayats Act, 1993 (Guj. 18 of 1993) (hereinafter referred to as the “the Panchayat Act”) immediately before the said date in respect of the local area shall continue in force and be deemed to have been made, issued or granted in respect of the Municipality, until it is superseded or modified by any other appointment, notification, notice, order, scheme, licence, permission, rule, bye-law or form made, issued or granted under the Municipalities Act;

3. Any tax, fees or cess (not being cess levied under section 203 of the Gujarat Panchayats Act, 1993) which immediately before the said date were being levied by the State Government or by the dissolved Panchayats in the local area shall continue to be levied in the municipality until it is superseded or modified by any tax, fee or cess levied under the said Act;
4. Any tax, fee or cess which immediately before the said date being levied by a taluka panchayat or a district panchayat or the cess which before the said date was being levied by State Government under section 203 of the Panchayats Act, in the local area shall cease to be so levied in the said Municipality after the end of the financial year in which the said date occurs except that as respects arrears of such tax, fee or cess at the end of the financial year, the provisions of section 7 of the Gujarat General Clauses Act, 1904 (Bom. I of 1904) shall apply;
5. All budget estimates, assessments, assessment lists, valuation, or measurements made or authenticated under the Panchayats Act, immediately before the said date in respect of the dissolved Panchayats shall be deemed to have been made or authenticated under the Municipality Act;
6. All debts and obligations incurred and all contracts made by or on behalf of dissolved Panchayats immediately before the said date and subsisting on that date shall be deemed to have been incurred and made by the said Municipality under the Municipality Act;
7. All officers and servants in the employ of the dissolved Panchayats, immediately before the said date shall be the officers and servants under the control of the said Municipality under the Municipalities Act, and shall receive salaries and allowances and be subject to the conditions of service to which they were entitled or subject on the said date:

Provided that the State Government may discontinue the service of any officer or servant who, in its opinion, is not necessary or suitable to the requirements of the service of the said Municipality after giving such officer or servant such notice as is required to be given by the terms of his employment;
8. All proceedings pending at the said date before the dissolved Panchayats shall be deemed to be transferred to the said Municipality under the Municipalities Act;
9. All appeals pending at the said date before the dissolved Panchayats shall, so far as may be practicable, be disposed of as if the said local area had been the said Municipality under the Municipalities Act when they were filed;
10. All prosecution instituted by or on behalf of the dissolved Panchayats and all suits or other legal proceedings instituted by or against such dissolved Panchayats or any officer of the dissolved Panchayats pending at the said date shall be continued by or against the interim municipality until a municipality is constituted.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

SHABANA KURESHI,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

